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## **High School Summer Intern Program Back by Popular Demand**

**(Woodland, CA)** – The Yolo County Human Resources department is excited to announce the return of the High School Summer Intern program, back by popular demand for a second year. The program was developed to attract young people to careers in local government, introduce them to the services Yolo County provides and to highlight the benefits of public employment. The student interns are working a minimum of five hours per week in the following county departments: Assessor, Board of Supervisors, Child Support Services, Clerk-Recorder, Environmental Health, Human Resources, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Law Library, Library, and Parks & Resources.

“After a tremendously successful first year for this pilot program, we are busily working with a second group of enthusiastic high school students,” said Yolo County Human Resources Director Mindi Nunes. “The program has been carefully designed to ensure participants remain excited, engaged and supported throughout.”

“There is great personal and professional value in choosing a career in public service,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “I am encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm demonstrated by these fine High School students, and I am grateful to our Human Resources Department for creating this learning opportunity, and to our county departments who are providing such a rich training ground.”

Key elements of the High School Summer Intern program include, mentorship, weekly learning activities with a focus on county values and operations, as well as rewards and recognition. A new addition to the program is Jake Nelson, a college intern who serves as the High School Summer Intern Program Coordinator. Jake is a California State University, Sacramento student, currently pursuing a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences.

“I have learned so much about county government structure, services and careers along with these high school students,” said Jack Nelsen, High School Summer Intern Program Coordinator. “I wish there had been a program like this available in my community when I was in high school.”

The High School student interns started their program with an orientation on June 15. The program continues until the closing ceremony on August 6. For more information, visit the Human Resources webpage at [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) (go to Government > Departments> Human Resources > High School Intern Program) or contact Gina Duncan at (530) 666-8149.

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